

WINDMILL - GAIUS Paddock FARM - NEAR  
EDWARDSVILLE ILLINOIS  
Madison Co.

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DISTRICT NO. ILL.-2

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
EDGAR E. LUNDEEN - DISTRICT OFFICER  
CORN BELT BANK BUILDING - BLOOMINGTON ILL.

WINDMILL - GAIUS PADDOCK FARM  
(Near) Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois

Owner. Gaius Paddock, grandson of Gaius Paddock,  
original owner.

Date of Erection. About 1830.

Architect. None.

Builder. Unknown.

Present Condition. The mill has been unpainted for many years and shows depreciation, but otherwise is substantial. It maintains its original appearance.

Number of Stories. Three.

Materials of Construction. The framework was originally large timbers resting on stone piers, but late in the nineteenth century the corners and tank supports were strengthened by steel beams. The floors are pine on pine joists. Interior partitions are vertical boards on wood studs and the exterior is faced with vertical wood siding. The walks and roofs are covered with composition.

Other Existing Records. None.

Additional Data. The mill was constructed several years after the residence, which was begun about 1818. Utility was the keynote and space was provided for grain, equipment, and living quarters for servants. Mr. Paddock's pioneering and farming methods wielded considerable influence upon this region in its future development.

"There was a time," (Mr. Thomas Lippincott) "when

Gaius Paddock and his farm were considered an institution of our country. His residence, seven miles north of Edwardsville on the Springfield Road, was as well known to travelers to the Sangamo and Mauvais Terre Country (all central Illinois) as Edwardsville, itself. He was a Revolutionary soldier and drew a pension for his services. When I first came to St. Louis in 1818, Mrs. Paddock kept a boarding house, and all the bachelor lawyers and other big men boarded there while the old gentleman was at the farm preparing it for the residence of the family. So it continued several years, some of the daughters living, by turns, with the father and some with the mother until a new house was built and the family came together. It was and is a charming place, and a resort for those who love to mingle with intelligent, energetic women, mother and daughters, and see the results of their economical and tasteful labors."

It is occupied by Gaius Paddock, grandson of the original founder, and his accomplished daughters who extend the same gracious and courteous hospitality to friends and acquaintances that their forbears dispensed in the pioneer days of Madison County.

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